

BOARD OF GOVERNORS OF CONCORDIA UNIVERSITY

MINUTES OF THE MEETING OF THE BOARD HELD ON THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 13TH, 1979 AT 12:00 NOON IN ROOM 769 OF THE HALL BUILDING, S.G.W. CAMPUS

ATTENDANCE: Present were: Mr. G. T. Fisher, Acting Chairman, Mr. H. J. Hemens, Prof. J. Bordan, Mr. M. J. Bourgault, Dr. R. W. Breen, Dr. M. Brian, Dr. M. S. Dubas, S.J., Mr. L. Francescutti, Rev. A. Graham, S.J., Mr. R. K. Groome, Dr. H. Habib, Mr. A. Der Khatchadurian, Mr. K. G. Khatchadourian, Mrs. B. J. Lande, Mrs. N. Leclaire, Prof. D. MacDonald, Prof. G. Martin, Mr. P. M. McEntyre, Mr. D. W. McNaughton, Dr. J. W. O'Brien, Mr. J. J. Pepper, Dr. T. S. Sankar, Mr. B. J. Woloshen, Dr. R. P. Duder, Secretary,

Visitors: Mr. W. M. Reay

OPEN SESSION:

1. A. Minutes of the Previous Meeting (June 14, 1979)

On a motion duly made and seconded, these minutes were approved as circulated.

B. Minutes of the Special Meeting (June 28, 1979)

On a motion duly made and seconded these minutes were approved as circulated.

2. Business arising out of the Minutes

Arising out of the Minutes of the meeting of June 28th was the question of the election of the student members to the Search Committee for a Dean of Division I. The Rector explained the background of this matter and proposed that since this particular search committee was not a University-wide committee, the procedure should be as set forth in Dr. Breen's recommendation to the special meeting of June 28.

On a motion proposed by the Rector and seconded, this was so ordered.

3. Committee Reports

A. Finance Committee

Mr. Fisher reported on the meeting of the Finance Committee held on September 12, 1979. After a brief discussion the Chancellor proposed the following motion, which was seconded and approved:

That the Board approve the Report and Financial Statements May 31, 1979, with the proviso that Governors would have the opportunity to ask questions on the document at the next meeting.

On a motion duly made and seconded, the Board authorized the Chancellor of the University and the Ist Vice-Chairman of the Board to sign the Report and Financial Statements, May 31, 1979.

B. Development Fund Campaign Report

Mr. McNaughton reported that as of two days ago the amount of \$276,000 had been collected toward the objective of \$700,000.

4. Rector's Remarks

Dr. O'Brien spoke of the financial position of the University, mentioning the change in the government's granting formula and the normal difficulties of solving financial problems in an orderly annual fashion.

5. Reports of the Vice-Rectors

A. Professor Bordan

Professor Bordan reported that the three faculties under his direction had made a good start in this academic year, that the move of Fine Arts to its new location was now complete and that enrolments in his three faculties were higher than anticipated.

B. Dr. Breen

Dr. Breen pointed out that this was the beginning of the third year of the integrated Faculty of Arts and Science adding that five of the smaller units were receiving students and that others were in process of being set up. The U.S. Steel Foundation had donated \$25,000 for this enterprise of establishing colleges.

C. Professor Martin

Professor Martin reported that the programme of renovations was now almost complete. A need for an additional bus service between the campuses was beginning to make itself felt.

D. Father Graham

Father Graham stated that enrolment was holding up well this year. Present indications were that the undergraduate enrolment for the fall term was up by 1.5% over last year's figure.

Dr. Wright and Dr. Enos had been helping with the training of the Expos.

In answer to a question from Dr. Dubas, Dr. Breen and the Rector reported that the Institute for Research Public Policy, (I.R.P.P.) had reached an agreement to collaborate with Concordia's School of Community and Public Affairs and would have its Montreal office in the same building and share facilities.

6. New Business

(i) List of Board Committees for 1979/80

Mr. Fisher mentioned that the following minor changes would be made to the circulated list:

Mr. G. Khatchadourian would be replaced on the Executive Committee by Mr. A. Khatchadurian. On the Planning Committee, Mr. G. Khatchadourian would replace Mr. A. Khatchadurian. At his request, Mr. Groome's name had been deleted from the Operational Services Committee.

With these changes, on a motion duly made and seconded, the Board approved the list of Board Committees for 1979/80.

ii) Search Committee for Vice-Rector Academic, Engineering, Fine Arts and Commerce

On a motion duly made and seconded the Board gave permission to the Chairman, or in his absence, the 1st Vice-Chairman to choose two Board members to serve on this Committee.

(iii) Leasing Of a Safety Deposit Box

Professor Martin proposed the following resolution, which was seconded and carried:

"RESOLVED

(1) That this Company do lease from the Bank of Montreal a safety deposit box in the branch of the said bank situated at 1205 St. Catherine St. W., Montreal and

that W.M.Reay and W.G. McManus are hereby authorized to execute on behalf of this Company a contract for such purpose upon such terms and conditions and for such rental as may be agreed upon between them and the said Bank; and

(2) That G. Martin, W.M. Reay, W.G. McManus, R. Aylwin and J. Drapeau, or any two of them are hereby authorized to have access to and control of the contents of the said safety deposit box; and

(3) That a certified copy of this resolution be handed to the said branch of the said Bank for its guidance and information in the premises, and that the Company undertake that this resolution shall be irrevocable until a resolution repealing this resolution shall have been passed and a copy thereof duly certified under the seal of the Company delivered to the said Bank at the branch where the said safety deposit box is situated."

(iv) CUSA and the Commerce Students Association (C.S.A.)

At the request of the Chairman, Mr. Neil Finestone, President of the C.S.A., spoke of the problem which his association is facing vis-à-vis CUSA. His association wished to achieve representation for the Commerce students on various University boards as an autonomous, federally incorporated body. For this aim the C.S.A. had received wide support from Commerce students. He realised that the C.S.A. budget had now been frozen by CUSA but hoped that CUSA would not interfere with the proposal of freedom of association.

In reply Mr. Agop der Khatchadurian referred to the lack of consultation and notice of intention on the part of the C.S.A. CUSA had only yesterday received the documents of the C.S.A. referred to by Mr. Finestone. CUSA's constitution had already been passed by the Board of Governors and it is the only student body empowered to collect membership fees from the students. He thought that the C.S.A.'s actions constituted a dangerous precedent for the first year of CUSA.

The Chairman pointed out that the Board could not resolve this problem at today's meeting, partly because not all of the Governors had received the pertinent documents.

After some discussion, the Chancellor moved and Mr. A. Khatchadurian seconded the following resolution, which was carried:

"Be it resolved that the differences of opinion between CUSA and the C.S.A. be referred to the Administration with the recommendation that it attempt to mediate the problem;' in this effort reference should be made to the general counsel of the University to determine what legal aspects were involved in this matter.

Mr. McEntyre made the point that if the matter was to be brought back as a report to the Board, then the Board members should be given the relevant documentation well in advance of the meeting.

The Rector commented on the problems involved in any merger, repeating that the preparation of the subject had not been ready in time for the Board to understand properly what issues were at stake. He warned against the proliferation of autonomous student associations, and referred also to the tradition of Faculty Associations. The matter would probably have to come back to the Board.

Mr. A. Khatchadurian drew attention to the CUSA Legislative Council's motion of August 20th, 1979 concerning the use of the name of the University. The Chairman ruled that this motion was not relevant to today's meeting and it was simply noted.

7. Date, Time and Place of Next Meeting

The next regular meeting of the Board will take place on October 11, 1979, at 6:00 p.m. in the Campus Centre, Loyola Campus.

8. Adjournment

The meeting terminated at 2:05 p.m.

R. P. Duder
Secretary